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## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

Montclair's Sewer Problem.—Mrs. Snyder's Pension.—The Bell Tower Comes Up Again.

There was a full attendance of the Township Committee at the meeting held last Tuesday afternoon.

The Sub-committee on Roads and Poor had no reports to make.

The Committee on Sidewalks and Crosswalks reported work of the season finished and submitted approved bills for the same from Contractor Callahan, which were ordered paid.

The Sewer Committee, through Mr. Rayner, reported having sent a copy of the resolution of the whole Committee to the Sewer Committee of Orange, in regard to deferring payments due, but nothing had been heard as yet in the matter.

The Township Clerk read a letter which had been received from the Township Committee of Montclair, making inquiry as to what capacity Bloomfield Township would require and what territory it was proposed to drain into the Montclair section of the sewer, the building of which is in contemplation from the Montclair line through Washington Street to the Union Outlet Sewer. The letter was referred to the Sewer Committee to frame an answer, which was finally agreed upon to the effect that until Montclair Township signified its acceptance of the conditions of right of way through Bloomfield, as required by the latter, reply could not be made to the inquiry.

Notice was received from Counselors Johnson and Pilch, and ordered placed on file, that Marble Street and Lewellyn Avenue, opened several years ago on the Watsessing pond site, had been vacated and closed.

The Overseer of the Poor, C. L. Voorhees, made a statement to the Committee that a deceased soldier's widow, Ann Snyder, who was now being supported by the township, had obtained a pension, and he desired to know if the Township claimed the whole or any part of the same. He had been informed that he had no right to draw it, although he thought he had, and had done so. He had asked Thos. P. Day, who obtained the pension for Mrs. Snyder, if there was not some back pension money due and he said there was none.

He had understood from others that Mr. Day had said that there was some money of this kind and that it was held in trust by a lady. The Committee passed a resolution, placing the case in the hands of the Legal Committee for investigation.

A number of bills for the support of the poor were audited. Among the different items was one for the purchase of a cooking range which was criticised as an unusual item. One of the Committee defended the course of the Overseer in buying the stove, upon the ground that coal or food sent to the applicant would not do much good if there was no stove in the house. Another member said he supposed it was all right, if the Overseer certified to it; but that upon the same principle "we might be called upon to pay for a house to contain the stove."

Mr. Lockwood called attention to the condition of the crossing at the corner of Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues, where there was a pitiful for pedestrians that was inconvenient, in the daytime and dangerous at night, owing to a neglected culvert. The clerk was directed to notify the Essex Road Board by letter.

Mr. Gilbert introduced the bell tower problem, and it proved to be, as it has many times before, a prolific source of discussion. The month's notice served upon the township to remove its property from the Truck Company's premises was about to expire, and the steam whistle at the paper mill was not proving to be adequate as a substitute for the striking of the alarm bell.

Mr. Stout said that the Township Committee were willing to do anything reasonable to conciliate the Truck Company, but it was plain that a majority was unalterably opposed to assuming responsibility for damage from the fall of the tower.

Mr. Rayner and Mr. Beach differed decidedly as to the present responsibility in the matter, and the power of the Township Committee to bind the township to responsibility. Mr. Rayner was of the opinion that as a corporate body the Committee had the right to legally assume the responsibility, and were now responsible; that if any accident from the fall of the tower should occur, a suit for damages against the township

could be successfully maintained in court.

The cost of taking down the striking apparatus and storing it in Phoenix Hose House was estimated by the Superintendent at \$30. Before ordering it taken down, the Committee decided to have the Township Clerk notify Essex Hook and Ladder Company that the township is ready to go to any further reasonable expense in making the bell tower absolutely safe and secure from accident, so that they might see their way clear to extend the limit of time for removing the striking apparatus, until the Committee could provide a satisfactory fire alarm.

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"As the days lengthen the cold will strengthen" is an old fashioned adage which seems to hold true this winter, and natural ice will be in active competition with the artificial. As the days grow long spring does not seem so far off, and then will come the busy hum of politics, which will be of unusual interest in our town, with so many different issues at stake, each of which will bear strongly in the selection of candidates.

## QUOTATION.

[Selected for THE BLOOMFIELD RECORD.]

## EASY READINGS FOR SUNDAY.

Another Year.

BY FRANCES MILDRED HAWKINS.

Another year is dawning!

Dear Master, let it be

In working or in waiting,

Another year for Thee!

Another year of leaving,

Upon Thy loving I rest,

Of ever-deepening trustfulness,

Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,

Of faithfulness and grace;

Another year of gladness

In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,

Another year of proving,

Another year of proving!

They preseech "all the days,"

Another year of service,

Of witness for Thy love;

Another year of training

For holier work above.

Another year is dawning!

Dear Master, let it be

On earth, or else in heaven,

Another year for Thee!

Selections from Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, John Ploughman's Pictures.

If I were a cobbler, I'd make it my pride

To be the best of all cobblers to be;

If I were a tinker, no tinker beside

Should mend an old kettle like me.

And being a ploughman, I plough with the best,

No furrow runs straighter than mine;

I waste not a moment, and stay not to rest,

Though idles to tempt me combine.

If I wish not to boast, for trust I have none,

In aught I can do can be:

I rest in my Saviour, and what he has done,

To ransom poor sinners like me.

Mocking is shocking. To laugh at infinity,

One day will never pay. Once thing or other;

Be it an out-and-out, or else keep it in altogether.

A starving workman is a dear servant.

If you don't pay your men, they pay themselves,

Or else they shirk their work.

Some men are blinded by their worldly business, and could not see heaven itself if the windows were open over their heads.

Starving upon it, weeds will come

wherever you give them a chance. When children have no school to go to, they will pretty soon be up to mischief; and if they are not taught the Gospel, the old enemy will soon teach them to thieve and lie and swear.

Good mothers are very dear to their children. There is no mother in the world like our own mother. When good women lend their little ones to the Saviour, the Lord Jesus blesses not only the children but their mothers as well. Happy are they among women who see their sons and daughters walking in truth.

Foolish spending buys a penurious life,

but it costs many a pound of sorrow.

The prodigal sells his cow

and hogs to buy a pint of soup, and that he throws away as soon as he has tasted it. I should not care to spend all my living in a "protection" and "gascons" floored forty-three and "conde" was mis-spelled by forty-nine. These were all words that you might say enter into everyday life. It would be perhaps interesting if a spelling contest was gotten up in Bloomfield.

In conversation with a good housewife in the city, on New Years, the question of laundries that send the clothes home all eaten up with acid and impregnated with the unpleasant odors of close quarters, was discussed.

She longed for the sweet smelling clothes of dazzling whiteness, as she remembered them in her girlish days at the "old homestead." Bloomfield, almost entirely free from factory smoke, with its pure air and large open spaces for the winds to sweep through, would furnish an opportunity for some capitalists to start a Home Made Laundry. It might take some time to get the enterprise under way so as to pay dividends but they would come in the end. It is a great pity—that so many in this town are obliged to depend on laundries that are not better than the city ones. The privileges of having clothes laundered where they might be dried in the open air would no doubt be highly esteemed by many. People would find their clothes lasting longer—they would be white, cleaner and more healthful.

New that the Columbus stamps have been issued, the Columbus craze is sure to break out again, and it will doubtless take form in collecting stamps enough to paper a room. Of course it would be some time before enough could be accumulated in an ordinary way, but then we could have Columbus stamp gathering parties with prizes for those who contributed the most—and then what lovely times we could have when all came to help stick them on to the wall.

## LIVING ON LOW WAGE.

HOW TWO YOUNG FELLOWS MANAGED TO EXIST IN NEW YORK.

TWELVE DOLLARS A WEEK DOES NOT GO VERY FAR IN A BIG CITY, but THESE TWO ECONOMIC MEN MADE THEIR MONEY TO A PRETTY GOOD DISTANCE FOR A TIME.

A magazine writer, who claimed to have investigated the subject, recently stated that there are several hundreds of young and old bachelors in this town who spend all the way from \$10,000 to \$75,000 a year for their personal comfort.

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